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Docket No.: S63.2N-4944-US04

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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Brown, Paul J. Fordenbacher, Anthony C. Vrba

Application No.:

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For:

IMPROVED TISSUE SUPPORTING DEVICES

Examiner:

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Mail Stop <u>Amendment</u> Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

1. In regard to the above-identified application, in addition to this 2 page transmittal letter, we are submitting the attached:

5 page Amendment; 1 page Petition for an Extension of Time Under 37 CFR 1.136; 9 page Request for Correction of USPTO File of an Ancestor Application (Petition Under 37 CFR 1.182) with Attachments; 50 page Letter Supplementing and Amending Request for Interference; Check \$580.00 and Postcard.

- 2. With respect to fees:
 - □ No additional fee is required.
 - Attached is check(s) in the amount of \$580.00 (\$450.00 for 2 Month Extension of Time and \$130.00 for Petition Under 37 CFR 1.182)
 - Charge any fee deficiency to our Deposit Account No. 22-0350.

3. CONDITIONAL PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

This conditional petition is being filed along with the papers identified in Item 1 above and provides for the possibility that Applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time or for a petition and fee for any other matter petitionable to the Commissioner as required. If any extension of time for the accompanying response is required or if a petition for any other matter is required, by petitioner, Applicant requests that this be considered a petition therefor.

4. Notwithstanding paragraph 2 above, if any additional fees associated with this communication are required and have not otherwise been paid, including any fee associated with the Conditional Petition for Extension of Time, or any request in

the accompanying papers for action which requires a fee as a petition to the Commissioner, please charge the additional fees to Deposit Account No. 22-0350.

Respectfully submitted,

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Certificate Under 37 CFR 1.8: I hereby certify that this Transmittal Letter and the paper(s) as described herein, are being deposited in the U.S. Postal Service, as FIRST CLASS MAIL, addressed to Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patent, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on August 26, 2005.

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